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SUBJECT : PAIGC CLAIMS FIVE MORE PORTUGUESE PLANES DOWNED

REF: LISBON 1279

1. AS A FURTHER INDICATION OF THEIR INCREASING ANTI-AIRCRAFT CAPABILITIES AND PR SENSE, PAIGC ON APRIL 9 PUBLISHED A SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE (SIGNED BY ARISTIDE PERIERA WHO LEFT CONAKRY ON MARCH 31) CLAIMING FIVE PORTUGUESE PLANES WERE DOWNED IN GUINEA BISSAU ON APRIL 6. THE PLANES, THREE DORNIER DO-27 S AND TWO AT-6 S WERE ALLEGEDLY SHOT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF THE MILITARY GARRISON AT GUIDADJE BY AN UNSPECIFIED TYPE OF GROUND- TO- AIR MISSILE.

COMMENT: THIS INCREASED ANTI- AIRCRAFT CAPABILITY IS OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE AS A MORALE FACTOR TO PAIGC. IT ARRIVED AND HAS GONE INTO USE AT TIME WHEN THE FACTIONAL RIVALRY THAT LED TO AMILCAR CABRAL' S ASSASSINATION HAS NOT YET BEEN SETTLED. END COMMENT.

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2. THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA GOVERNMENT RADIO FOLLOWED UP THE READING OF THIS PAIGC COMMUNIQUE ON APRIL 10 WITH A CLARIFICATION OF ITS OWN; THE PURPOSE OF THE CLARIFICATION WAS TO DENY CHARGES IN A BROADCAST BY THE BBC CLAIMING GROUND- TO- AIR MISSILES THAT EARLIER DOWNED THE PLANE OF THE CHIEF OF THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE IN GUINEA BISSAU (LISBON USDAO 156; CONAKRY 495) HAD BEEN FIRED FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA. CONAKRY AUTHORITIES INSISTED THE WEAPONS ARE LOCATED INSIDE GUINEA BISSAU. TODMAN

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